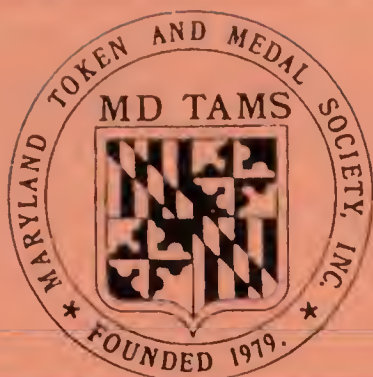




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IT'S TIME TO
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NEXT MEETING:

June 25, 1994...Baltimore Convention Center

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Awards & Annual Souvenir

Atlantic Rarities Expo

Maryland State Numismatic Association

September 17, 1994

MARYLAND TAMS SWAP MEET

Grace United Methodist Church

GAVEL GAB

Hope everyone has recovered from all the ice and snow of this past winter. Here's looking to a nice Spring and Summer!

The last meeting at the Suburban Baltimore Coin Show was fantastic. A great turnout, some items for show and tell, and nearly 100 lots for the auction! Those of you who missed this meeting lost out on an opportunity to pick up some nice lots in the auction.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Atlantic Rarities Expo (formerly the Maryland State show) in the Baltimore Convention Center. This is our Annual meeting and will feature awards and the annual souvenir. Our Vice President, Bill Sacks, is hard at work for a program for this meeting.

The Atlantic Rarities Expo is also the site of this year's New Jersey Token and Medal Show. Think of all those token and medal dealers waiting for you at the show. In addition to the large bourse and exhibits, there are many other club meetings scheduled. Our help is needed to help man the registration desk during the three days of the show. If you can help out, please let me know. In the past, we have been financially rewarded for our efforts.

Our annual Maryland TAMS Swap Meet has been scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at Grace United Methodist Church. This was the site of last year's swap meet. More detail in the upcoming issues of the *Maryland TAMS Journal*. Mark your calendars now to attend.

Included with this issue is your dues notice. Please take a few minutes now to send in your dues check. Have you thought about becoming a life member and not worry with the dues hassle in the future? A great bargain at \$150. Your past support of MD TAMS has been very much appreciated and we hope you renew for another year (or two!). If you decide not to renew your dues, would you please jot a few comments on the back of the form stating why you are not renewing and mail it back to us? Thanks!

The upcoming months promise to be busy ones! I hope to see you at some of the upcoming shows in the region.



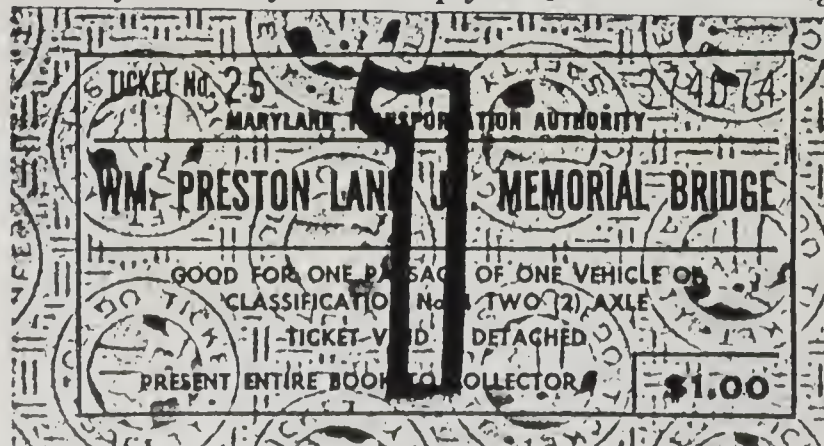
FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Will Mumford

We're almost back on track and by the Summer issue we should be there! That is if we have enough material for an issue...YOUR journal is running low on material and don't forget this is your journal. It reflects what you put into it. In other words WE NEED ARTICLES in order to keep up the journal we have become accustom too. Once again I sent out my cry of HELP!

With the diversity of Maryland Tokens we have unlimited opportunities for stories. So give it a try. I know it takes time and no one has enough time these days. But you may have an idea for a certain story or innovation. Please give it a thought and contact me if you have an idea.

We don't have to look very far for tokens , even today I use the Maryland Transportation Authority tickets when I cross the Bay Bridge every weekday and my wife uses their Tunnel Tickets when she goes to work thru the Harbor Tunnel. How long have these tickets been in use? Have their designs been changed thru the years? Do you have one in your collection? Now I know their are many other examples of exonumia floating around...so go out and find something out about it and write it up for your fellow MDTAMs'ers. Share your hobby...and keep your Journal interesting and your editor happy!



SUPER BOWL COMMEMORATIVE COINS

BY JOE BURFORD



SUPER BOWL III
Jan 12, 1969
Jets 16 - Colts 7
Orange Bowl - Miami



Super Bowl 28 is over. But talk is still about football and the old team is still in our hearts. I have been writing back and forth to Pro Football Hall of Fame and Franklin Mint and came up with the name of Jacobson & Jardine Inc. They made a commemorative coin for each Super Bowl. I picked up (2) coins when I was at the Football Hall of Fame. They are Super Bowl 3 Jets 16 - Colts 7 and one for Super Bowl 5 - Colts 16 - Cowboys 13. They came in (3) types of metals, silver, gold layered and antique bronze. The size is 2" round.

If you would like to order these, the company address is;

Super Bowl Coin
P.O. Box 50056
Provo, UT. 84605



SUPER BOWL V
Jan 17, 1971
Colts 16 - Cowboys 13
Orange Bowl - Miami



TOKEN POTPOURRI

BY MILLARD W. HAJEK LM# 1

WHETSTONES

The field of "exonumia" covers a wide range of collectibles outside the realm of tokens and medals. As we pursue our own personal collecting interests, we add to our collection many such items, whether it be on purpose or just as an accumulation. Our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" book refers to the many tokens issued as advertising "storecards". Advertising storecards come in a variety of forms besides tokens. Postcard style cards, mirrors, spinners, shell cards, good luck pieces, encased coins, knife sharpening stones, just to name several. All of these items are collected by exonumists even though many of the items are considered to be more in the memorabilia or advertising field.

One such area recently caught my attention, whetstones or knife sharpening stones. For those that are not familiar with the term whetstone, the dictionary defines it as "a stone for honing tools". To "hone" is to sharpen; or give an edge to. Thus "hone", a fine grained whetstone for giving a keen edge to razors, tools and knives.

On a recent flea market excursion, I tripled my very modest whetstone collection by adding two specimens. My first whetstone, if my memory serves me correctly, was plucked from a MD TAMS auction. So, my entire collection of three whetstones are illustrated below. Two of the pieces are quite similar in design and are accompanied by some advertisements which appeared in Polk's Baltimore City Directory of 1911.



OVAL 46 X 72mm. Background white or ivory in color with black designs.

The 1911 Directory list HIRSHBERG, HOLLANDER & CO. as a retailer in paints with locations at 24-27 and 106-110 W. Pratt Street in Baltimore, Maryland.

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ROUND 52mm in diameter.
 Yellow background with
 black lettering and
 design. Around perimeter,
 black border with yellow
 lettering.

BAUGH & SONS COMPANY
 was located at 25-27
 S. Calvert St. at the
 corner of Water St.



ROUND 52mm in diameter.
 Yellow background with
 black lettering and
 design. Around
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 border with yellow
 lettering.

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LISTING THE UNLISTED

JAN PUGLIESE

- Cumberland (All.) THE ORIGINAL CUMBERLAND/OLD GERMAN BEER/THE/QUEEN CITY/BRG. CO./
CUMBERLAND, MD.
GOOD LUCK (on horseshoe, green 4 leaf clover in center)
al., 32, r
cont.: Harry Crow
- Easton (Tal.) CHAS. T. WRIGHTSON/NOT/TRANSFERABLE/EASTON, MD. (holed in center)
BLANK
br., 24, r
cont.: Harry Crow
- Essex (Balto.) SCHIESSER'S/IDLE/1937 50 1997/HOUR/ESSEX, MD. (head of Statue of
Liberty; small HH on left)
LIBERTY (on right)
br., 28, r
cont.: Harry Crow
- Frederick (Fred.) JNO. HERSHBERGER/CITY BAKERY
GOOD FOR/ONE/LOAF/BREAD
br., 26, oct.
cont.: Harry Crow
- Ft. Meade (A.A.) SGT. CLUB/BOTTLE/ACCT./FT. MEADE, MD.
5
al., 23, scalloped
(unlisted diameter)
cont.: Harry Crow
- Henderson (Caro.) ROBERT JARRELL JR. (ornia in center, star at bottom)
1/BUCKET
br., 16, sq
Cont.: Harry Crow - attributed by Burtons, Canneries of Eastern Shore
- Hunlock (Don.) JAMES E. DOUGLAS/1/BKT.
BLANK
br., 25, r
cont.: Harry Crow
- Landover (P.G.) KENTLAND/HARDWARE, INC./20/YEARS OF SERVICE/1956-1976/LANDOVER,
MARYLAND
UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL/1776-1976 (around Indian head facing
left)
copper, 20 r
(unlisted town)
cont.: Harry Crow
- Laurel (P.G.) FREE\$TATE \$UNDAY/FREESTATE/RACEWAY/AT LAUREL/FREE\$TATE \$UNDAY/
FREE.ADMIT ONE.FREE/ANY/\$UNDAY/GRAND \$TAND.
al., 39, r
cont.: Harry Crow

North Beach (Cal.)	VIC'S/BINGO/NORTH BEACH/110 ONE/COUPON/1201 (incuse)/ornate br.,37,r cont.: Harry Crow
North East (Decl.)	HARRY L. HARVEY/NORTH/EAST/MD. 5 br.,24,r (unlisted denomination) cont.: Harry Crow
Ocean City (Wor.)	THE SPORTING CENTER/(4 leaf clover)/OCEAN CITY, MD. (Fleur-de-lis) al.,26,r cont.: Harry Crow
Pikesville (Balto.)	RAPE & GOLD COINS/MICHAEL A./MERRILL/484-2003/3701/OLD COURT RD., #14/PIKESVILLE,MARYLAND UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL/(Indian head facing left)/1776-1976 copper,20,r cont.: Harry Crow
Preston (Caro.)	N.H.F. & CO./25 BLANK br.,29,sq cont: Harry Crow -attributed to Nelson H. Fooks Co. by Burtons, Canneries of the Eastern Shore
Salisbury (Whe.)	PHILLIPS COIN LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANING/DRYER/TOWER/DRIVE (incuse) BLANK br.,18,r cont.: Harry Crow
St. Michaels (Tal.)	ST. MICHAELS/PACKING/CO. 10 br.,29,r cont.: Harry Crow
St. Michaels (Tal.)	ST. MICHAELS/PACKING/CO. 30 br.,30,oct cont.: Harry Crow
St. Michaels (Tal.)	ST. MICHAELS/PACKING/CO. 50 (within circle of rays) al.,29,r cont.: Harry Crow



Chicken Fer Pickers

by WILL MUMFORD
MD TAMS LM-18

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T. F. B. Thomas F. Bottomley
Ft. Smallwood Road, Magothy
(Checks were also used by his son, Robert W.
Bottomley. Photos from Lewis Hines were taken on
the Bottomley farm)

NV - R (rev. "RWC 1 1/2")	
1/2 - Sc	10 - R - 23mm - fe
1 1/2 - Sc - 22mm - be(2var)	15 - R - 20mm - fe
1 1/2 - R	15 - R - 23mm - te
2 - R - 20mm - fe	20 - Oc - 22mm - be
7 1/2 - R - 23mm - te(2var)	30 - Sc - 25mm - be(2var)
7 1/2 - R - 20mm - te	75 - R - 29mm - be(2var)
7 1/2 - Oc - 22mm - be(2var)	

T. B. Thomas M. Beasley
Severn (Family recalls tokens marked T.B.)

U. W. B. Ulysses W. Brooks (Black Farmer, son of Henry
Brooks. Name could be Urias 1877 - 1964)
Furnace Branch Road, Glen Burnie

1P - R - 23mm - fe	10 - R - 24mm - re
1 - R - 24mm - re	15 - R - 24mm - re(2var)
2 - R - 24mm - re	500 - R - 24mm - re
5P - R - 23mm - fe	
5 - R - 24mm - re	

W. B. William Brossure
Crownsville
5 - R - 21mm - fe

W. L. B. Will L. Bussey
Severn (Family recalls checks)

W. O. B. Rev. William O. Bussey
Severn (Family recalls checks)

W. P. B. William P. Baldwin
St. Margarets
1 - R - 24mm

"C"

B. F. C. Benjamin Franklin Chaney, Sr., 1880 - 1949
St. Stephens Church Road, Gambrills
(Son remembers round, brass tokens of the values: 5,
10, 20, 25. All had holes in them as they were kept
on a wire ring)

B. F. C. Benjamin F. Clark
Reese Road, Severn
(Family recalls tokens)

- B. S. C. Basil Smith Cromwell, 1856 - 1926
Welham Station, Ferndale
(All checks are stamped on the reverse with "E.L.C."
for Emory Luther Cromwell)
1 - R - 20mm - fe
5 - R - 20mm - fe
10 - R - 23mm - fe
10P - R - 23mm - fe
- C. C. Charles Clark, 1885 - 1935
Severn
(Family recalls tokens)
- C. H. C. Charles Hancock Calvert, Sr., 1881 - 1972
Mountain Road
Star - R - 26mm
Star - R - 29mm(holed)
- C. W. C. C. W. Cromwell
Cock's Creek, Ft. Smallwood Rd.
(Family recalls tokens)
- E. C. Eugene Clark
Gambrills
(Family recalls tokens)
- E. D. C. ? (Cromwell)
(Token found in a well with BSC tokens)
8 Qts - R - 21mm - Fr
- E. L. C. Emory L. Cromwell
Ferndale
("ELC" stamped on reverse of BSC checks)
- F. C. Franklin Chairs
near Ft. Smallwood Rd, Pasadena
(Most checks have a star on the reverse)
6 - Sc - 22mm - be(no stars)
6 - R - 20mm - be
10 - Sc - 22mm - be(2var)
20 - R - 23mm - be
50 - Oc - 22mm - be
100 - Sc - 22mm
- F. P. C. Frank P. Chairs
Pasadena
6 - R - 20mm - be

F. W. C. Frederick W. Cook
 NV - Sc - 25mm - be
 NV - R - 21mm - be

G. T. C. George T. Cromwell
 10 - R
 20sp - Oc
 50sp - Sc - 25mm - be (G.T.C. on rev. found in a field)

G. W. C. George W. Calvert
 (Pickercheck box with token values written on each
 compartment. Values of 1 1/2, 2, 10, 15, 20)

H. C. Hary A. Cook, 1858 - 1934
 Bayside Beach Road
 1 - R - Fe
 5 - R - 24mm - te - Fe

H. A. C. Henry Alfred Cook
 1817 Bayside Road
 (Used tin tokens)

H. D. C. Henry Deville Cook, 1865 - 1925
 Pasadena
 1 1/2 - R - 21mm 10 - R - 21mm
 4 - Oc - 22mm 20 - Oc - 22mm
 5 - Sc - 25mm

H. M. C. ?
 3 - R - Fr
 4 - Oc

J. C. J. Chairs
 Mountain Road
 (Son of Frank Chairs. "MC" and "C & Bro" tokens have
 "JC" on the reverse)
 NV - R - 20mm - te(rev "12 1/2") 10 - R - 21mm - be
 NV - R - 24mm - re 12 - R
 6 - Sc - 22mm - be

J. H. C. James Henry Crouse
 (Family recals tokens, 1, 5, 15 and others)

J. M. C. Jeff Monroe Cook, 1841 - 1925
 Jacobsville (Served in the Confederate Army)
 5 - Oc - be

J. S. C. John Sewell Clark, Jr., 1878 - 1949
 Clark Road, Severn
 (Family recalls tokens)

LONG GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

THE NEW POST OFFICE AND U.S. COURT HOUSE

By Millard W. Hajek LM# 1

The following is taken from a "Half-Century's Progress Of The City Of Baltimore" published in 1886.

"The location of the new Post Office is on a square of ground between the Battle Monument and the City Hall and being a departure from the uninviting architecture heretofore adopted by the Government for this class of buildings, adds very much to the appearance of this section of the city." A view of the structure is shown below.



The structure was dedicated on September 12, 1889 and along with many other prominent buildings in Baltimore, it was destroyed in the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. A medal commemorating this event is illustrated below. H.A.M. specimens also exist.



OBVERSE: Building in center, POST OFFICE
BALTIMORE, MD. above, DEDICATED
SEP. 12, 1889 below.



REVERSE: Sailing war vessels at sea
bombarding fortress in foreground.
Above, BOMBARDMENT OF FORT McHENRY.
Below, 1814.

GILT BRASS 25.5MM ROUND

'Picker checks' are part of county's history of farming

By NADJA MARIL
For The Capital

If you have some time during the mid-afternoon and you're headed out to Baltimore Washington International Airport, an interesting place to visit is the Benson-Hammond House which was built in the early 19th century.

Run by the Anne Arundel County Historical Society Inc., the house is located right across the road from BWI at Poplar Avenue and Hammonds Ferry Road. The Historical Society has a lease with the Maryland Transportation Authority for one dollar a year which runs through 2006. The house is manned solely by volunteers, with the exception of the executive director.

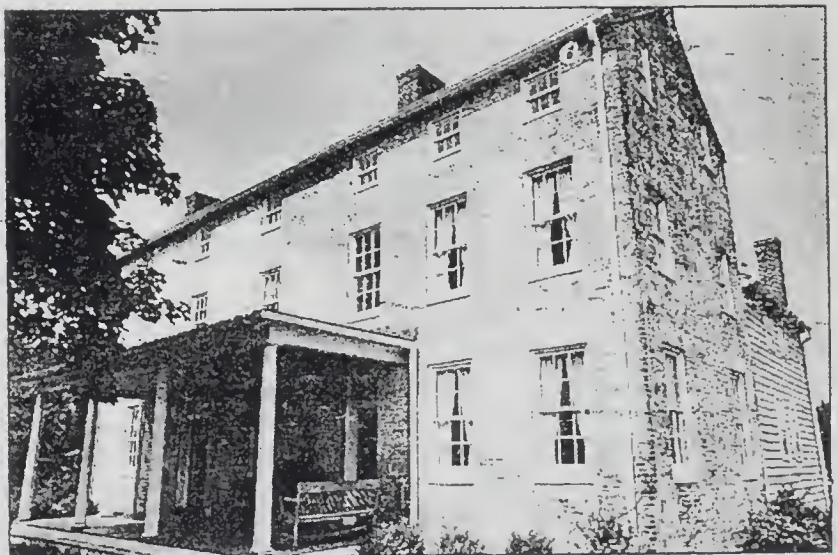
Docents familiar with the history of the house, like John Stoll, will be happy to give you a tour in exchange for a \$2 donation. He and his wife, Dot, joined the Historical Society in 1976. The Benson-Hammond House opened to the public in 1977 and the Stolls work every other Friday, eight hours a month.

One of the most interesting features of the house, which has been furnished with donations and loans from Maryland families, is the little museum on the third floor. In one of its displays, it documents the history of the Anne Arundel County farmers, who hired seasonal pickers to help harvest their crops of strawberries, peas and beans.

According to Isabel Shipley Cunningham, who wrote a pamphlet published by the Historical Society, Anne Arundel County farmers sent their wagons into southeast Baltimore to hire laborers. Many of the pickers were recent immigrants from Poland and Italy.

Housed in two-story shanties, the pickers worked in Anne Arundel County for six to eight weeks. Crudely built, the shanties relied on warm temperatures and sunny weather to keep living conditions comfortable. The rooms inside the makeshift buildings were separated with sheets hung from ropes, while on the floors piles of straw were formed into mattresses for bedding. Baking was done outside in brick ovens. Due to cramped quarters, most meals were eaten outside on homemade tables and chairs under temporary roofing.

Everyone worked; husbands, wives and children. The bounty they collected was exchanged for "picker checks." These checks were made of brass and were usually round, octagonal or scalloped in shape. The shape generally



The Benson-Hammond House documents the history of Anne Arundel County farmers.

symbolized the crop — a scallop stood for strawberries, round was peas and octagonal represented beans.

There were exceptions, however. For example, one farm used smaller round coins to symbolize strawberries. Initials identified the farm using the checks.

As soon as a picker had collected a large number of coins, he would exchange them for tokens with greater values. Picker checks were widely accepted at local stores for groceries. Every few weeks, the farmers would drive a few members of each picker's family into Baltimore so that they could shop. Some stores in Baltimore would even accept the picker checks in place of money. At the end of the picking season, an employer would redeem all of the checks submitted to him which bore his initials.

Since the picker checks were handed back to the Anne Arundel farmers at the end of each season, they were used year after year, generation after generation. Picker checks were used from about 1865 to 1938.

Initially, the pickers were transported by wagon and later by truck. Most of the men and women who helped harvest the produce from the fields, did so on a seasonal basis.

Unlike migrant workers, who constantly travel, these workers had permanent homes in Baltimore. They were active in their local churches and kept their children in school from September to mid-May.

The advent of refrigerated trucks, which could transport produce from the Southern states into Baltimore, in the 1930s reduced the monopoly Anne Arundel farmers once had on providing local cities with fruits and vegetables. Meanwhile, many of the original "picker" families succeeded in finding permanent employment and no longer had an interest in outside agricultural work. The era of the picker checks had come to an end. But the picker checks

themselves survived.

One Historical Society member had the idea of making the brass picker's checks into jewelry. Mrs. Ora Pumphrey Smith has created attractive earrings, bracelets and key chains which are sold at the Browse and Buy Shoppe at the Benson-Hammond House as well as at the Browse & Buy Shoppe in Severna Park.

The jewelry, which ranges in price from \$10 to \$40, has been a major money-maker. Small framed displays of

picker checks are also available for sale. Approximately \$36,000 has been raised over the years for the Historical Society through the picker check jewelry sales. Everyone wearing or using a piece of this jewelry, carries a piece of Anne Arundel County history with them.

Annapolis resident Nadja Maril is a nationally known author, appraiser and antique dealer.



BOOK REVIEWS

by Curtis H. Judge

IOWA MERCHANT TRADE TOKEN TOWN RARITY LIST 3RD ED. , 1992

NEBRASKA MERCHANT TRADE TOKEN TOWN/PLACE RARITY LISTING
and OTHER EXONUMIA 5TH ED., 1992

by George Hosek

Two token reference works have recently been published by Mr. George Hosek of Omaha, Nebraska. These works are revisions and expansions of previous works. They cover over seven years of effort compiling rarity data from multiple collections of Iowa and Nebraska merchant trade tokens. The Nebraska work covers 55 different collections totalling 70,023 tokens, while the Iowa covers 54 collections totalling 49,207 tokens. This is by far the most comprehensive study of rarity of these two states ever assembled.

Each booklet is broken down into a cross reference form by town and by collection listing the number of separate issues for each town. Iowa shows 1058 towns with Davenport remaining the most prolific having 1816 known different type token entries. Nebraska lists 724 towns with Omaha's count of 5130 being by far the largest. Hosek further breaks down his rarity guides into listings of several other categories. IE: Brunswick Balke Collender, CCC camp tokens, prison tokens, saloon, brewery, variously spelled towns, multiple town tokens, military tokens, good for mirrors and cardboard trade tokens. Another section on town, city, and county anniversary medals is also included in the latest edition.

Both works are aimed at the specialty Nebraska and Iowa merchant token collector. They will be of great help in accessing the rarity and value of an individuals collection. This census will show all different rarities from the single token town with examples in only one or two collections to heavily populated areas such as Omaha and Davenport, where a collector may have several hundred in his collection. The catalogs will also be of value to the category collector who seeks rarity data on state pieces in his collections.

The books are cardboard bound in the 8 1/2" X 11" format. Numerous rubbings for type comparison are included. Reproduction is by photocopy method; however, the clarity and detail are excellent. Nebraska is 50 pages in length, an increase of 18 pages over the last edition, and sells for \$12.50 postpaid. Iowa is 51 pages in length and sells for \$12.50 postpaid.

Interested collectors should contact the author direct at
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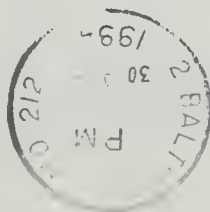
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